

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: G. TSUKUDA
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For: A DELIVERY MANAGING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 22-31 as set
forth below.

--22. A method for determining a delivery schedule of
goods, which are purchased by online shopping through the
Internet, comprising the following steps:

a step for identifying said goods and for receiving
an input relating to a schedule of delivery of said identified

goods which a purchaser wishes to have, on a purchaser computer used by the purchaser of said goods;

a step for preparing desired schedule information indicative of said schedule responding to said input, on said purchaser computer;

a step for transmitting said desired schedule information of said goods from said purchaser computer through a network to a deliverer computer, used by a deliverer who participates the delivery of said goods;

a step for receiving said desired schedule information by said deliverer computer;

a step for determining delivery schedule of goods based upon the delivery schedule information of said goods and other delivery schedule information determined in advance of other goods, on said deliverer computer; and

a step for indicating said delivery schedule determined from said deliverer computer through said network onto said purchaser computer, wherein said goods are delivered upon a schedule corresponding to a desire of said purchaser.

--23. A method for determining a delivery schedule of goods, as defined in claim 22, wherein said desired schedule information includes desired delivery day and a time and a desired delivery place, corresponding to when and where the purchaser wishes to have said goods.

--24. A method for determining a delivery schedule of goods, as defined in claim 23, wherein said desired delivery place includes a place, which is used in common with a plural number of purchasers.

--25. A method for determining a delivery schedule of goods, as defined in claim 24, wherein said place used in common includes at least one agent store who commissions the delivery of said goods and a corresponding locker used with said at least one agent store.

--26. A method for determining a delivery schedule of goods, as defined in claim 22, further comprising the following steps:

a step for transmitting an unacceptance information indicative that the indicated delivery schedule is unacceptable for the purchaser, from said purchaser computer through said network to said deliverer computer, responding to an input indicative thereof by said purchaser; and

a step for determining said delivery schedule again on said deliverer computer, upon basis of the unacceptance information transmitted.

--27. A deliverer apparatus for determining a delivery schedule of goods, being connected through the Internet to a purchaser apparatus which is used by a purchaser who purchases said goods through online shopping by means of the Internet, comprising:

a communication apparatus connected with said network for receiving desired schedule information indicative of a schedule of delivery which said purchaser wishes to have from said purchaser apparatus;

a memory apparatus for memorizing goods delivery schedule information including schedules relating to other goods; and

a processing apparatus connected with said communication apparatus and said memory apparatus, for determining a delivery schedule of said goods upon basis of said desired schedule information and the delivery schedule information of said other goods, whereby indicating the delivery schedule determined onto said purchaser apparatus through said network by using said communication apparatus, so as to deliver said goods upon a schedule corresponding to a desire of said purchaser.

--28. A deliverer apparatus, as defined in claim 27, wherein said desired schedule information includes desired delivery day and a time and a desired delivery place,

corresponding to when and where the purchaser wishes to have said goods.

--29. A deliverer apparatus, as defined in claim 28, wherein said desired delivery place includes a place, which is used in common with a plural number of purchasers.

--30. A deliverer apparatus, as defined in claim 29, wherein said place used in common includes at least one agent store who commissions the delivery of said goods and a corresponding locker used in common with said at least one agent.

--31. A deliverer apparatus, as defined in claim 26, wherein,

said communication apparatus receives an unacceptance information indicative that the indicated delivery schedule is unacceptable for the purchaser, from said purchaser apparatus through said network; and

said processing apparatus determines said delivery schedule again, upon basis of the unacceptance information transmitted.--

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled. New claims 22-31 have been added. Accordingly, claims 22-31 are currently pending in the application.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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